



# Trail News

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### **\*\*\* WOLF WATCHING IN WYOMING \*\*\* First.....**

#### **Judge Reinstates Protections For Wolves**

In a media release from Governor Mead dated 9/23/14, The State of Wyoming received and reviewed today a 40-page decision by District Judge Amy Berman Jackson, of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in which she reversed the US Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to transfer management of the gray wolf in Wyoming. Wyoming expects to seek a stay of the decision in conjunction with the creation of an emergency rule which confirms its existing management protocol. Governor Mead said, "There are many positives in Judge Jackson's decision. However, she held that Wyoming's plan was not sufficiently formalized to support the Fish and Wildlife Service's 2012 rule allowing limited take of gray wolves. We believe an emergency rule can remedy this, and I have instructed the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the Attorney General to proceed accordingly." In the meantime the Wyoming Game and Fish Department will immediately provide specific guidance to hunters and other persons with respect to the killing of wolves. **Until Judge Jackson's order is stayed or modified, the killing of wolves in Wyoming will be under the jurisdiction**



**of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.**

### **Then....**

#### **Governor Mead Signs and Files Emergency Rule for Wolves**

CHEYENNE – On 9/24/14, in response to the ruling by US District Court Judge Amy Berman Jackson placing the gray wolves back under the protection of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (see above), Governor Mead signed and filed an emergency rule establishing that Wyoming's commitment under its management plan is legally enforceable. The emergency rule has the full force and effect of law immediately and is effective for 120 days or 240 if extended by the Governor. The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission initiated the formal rulemaking process set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act that will make this emergency rule permanent. The Commission expects to complete the process in November.

The Attorney General also filed a motion with the US District Court today asking the Court to recognize Wyoming's management commitments are legally enforceable. "Now that Wyoming has resolved the Court's concern, I hope the Court will amend its ruling and allow Wyoming's continued management of gray wolves," Governor Mead said.

### **And Finally.....**

#### **Governor Mead is Disappointed Wyoming's Wolf Management Case is Remanded Back to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Today (September 30, 2014) Judge Amy Berman Jackson remanded gray wolf management in Wyoming to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). "I am disappointed in Judge Berman Jackson's ruling. Wyoming has been successful in its management of gray wolves. There were more wolves in Wyoming at the end of 2013 than in 2012. Wyoming has managed wolves well above the minimum and buffer population numbers," Governor Mead said. "Overturning the USFW delisting decision on a technicality highlights Wyoming's concerns with the Endangered Species Act". The governor's office will work with the Attorney General and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to examine the best way to re-establish Wyoming's management of wolves.

### \*\*\* Farrier Program Seeks Horses \*\*\*

Northwest College is opening its doors to horses. Rik Mettes, the NWC farrier and blacksmithing instructor, said the NWC Farrier Science Program offers an excellent opportunity for horse owners to provide hoof care for their animals while helping farrier students perfect their skills. Mettes oversees all student work and focuses on quality shoeing. The service isn't limited to healthy animals. Mettes encourages people to bring their horses with lameness or gait problems for his advanced students to work on. For more information, contact Northwest College at 307-754-6409.



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**1st Prize - 2014 John Deere XUV 550 Gator**

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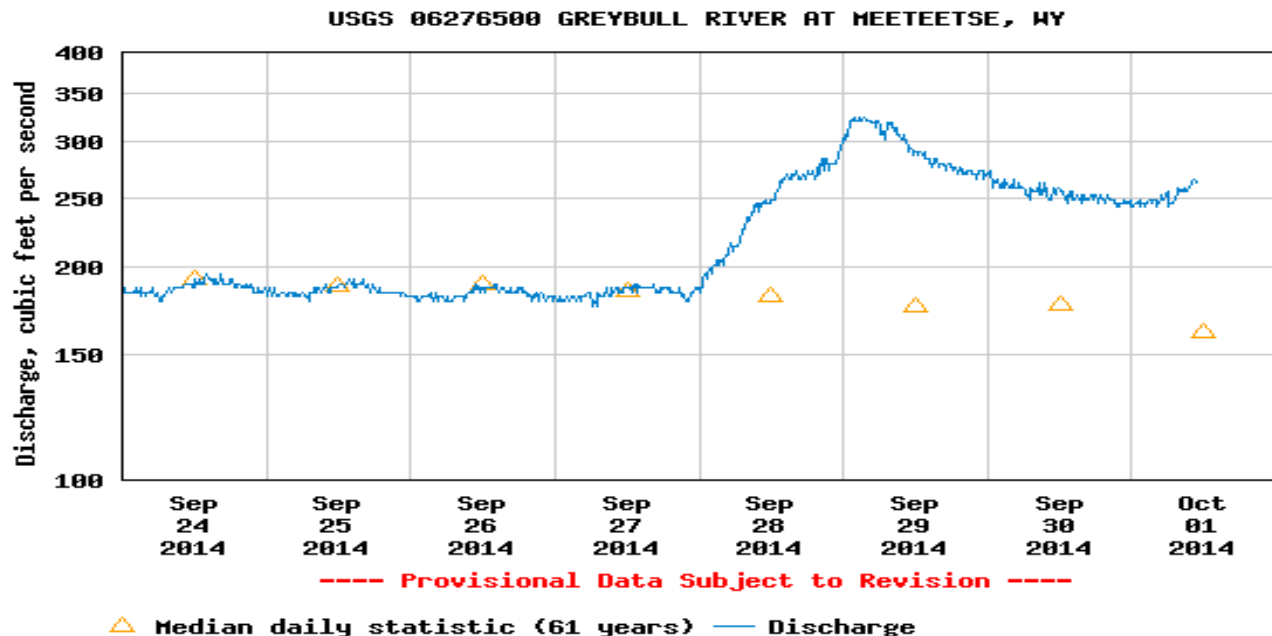
Drawing will be held November 19th at the annual meeting of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts and the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation in Sheridan. *Donations are tax-deductible and you need not be present to win!*

### USGS 06276500 GREYBULL RIVER AT MEETEETSE, WY

Most recent instantaneous value: 262 10-01-2014 10:45 MDT

[http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wy/nwis/uv/?site\\_no=06276500&PARAMeter\\_cd=00065,00060](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wy/nwis/uv/?site_no=06276500&PARAMeter_cd=00065,00060)

**Discharge, cubic feet per second**



### -----Reminders and Updates-----

**October 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 p.m.** MCD Board of Supervisors' regular monthly meeting at the MCD office, 1906 State St, Meeteetse. The public is welcome.

**\*\*November 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 p.m.** MCD Board of Supervisors' regular monthly meeting at the MCD office, 1906 State St, Meeteetse. The public is welcome. **\*\* Date changed due to Veteran's Day holiday.**

Through its *Trail News*, the MCD hopes to keep the community informed, and all of us here, as your local government, encourage you to give us feedback, fresh ideas and comments so that the District can represent the Meeteetse community in the best way possible. For a copy of the Trail News by email, please call us at 307-868-2484 or send an email request to: [mcd@tctwest.net](mailto:mcd@tctwest.net). **Happy Trails to You!** *Bernie, Blaise, Ginny & Steffen*